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SUBJ: PLO STATUS IN UN

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1. MISSION WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT CRITERIA CITED
PARA 2 REFTEL FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT THE UN CONCERN THE
PRECEDENTS DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS FOR INSTANCES IN WHICH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS WITHOUT ANY ACTION BY
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DECIDED TO GRANT "OBSERVER STATUS".
THESE DECISIONS HAVE BEEN REFLECTED BY INCLUSION OF THE
OBSERVERS' OFFICES CONCERNED AT THE REAR OF THE LISTING OF
"PERMANENT MISSIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS" (THE "BLUE BOOK")
UNDER THE HEADING "NON-MEMBER STATES MAINTAINING PERMANENT
OBSERVERS' OFFICES AT HEADQUARTERS." AS NOTED REFTEL, IT
WAS THE GA, NOT THE SYG, WHICH TOOK THE DECISION CONCERNING
THE PLO.

2. OTHER SECTIONS OF THE "BLUE BOOK" LIST "INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS THE SECRETARIES-GENERAL OF WHICH
HAVE RECEIVED STANDING INVITATIONS TO ATTEND SESSIONS OF
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THE ASSEMBLY AS OBSERVERS AND WHICH MAINTAIN PERMANENT

OFFICES HEADQUARTERS." THE ARAB LEAGUE AND THE OAU
(BOTH HAVING BEEN SUBJECT OF GA RESOLUTIONS) ARE
FOUND UNDER THIS HEADING - THE FORMER HAVING NO PRIVILEGES
AND IMMUNITIES AND THE LATTER COMING WITHIN PL 291 AS
A RESULT OF SPECIAL LEGISLATION. OTHER SECTIONS, FOR
EXAMPLE, LIST SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, STANDING UN BODIES
AND NATIONAL HOLIDAYS.

3. LISTING IN THE DIRECTORY OR "BLUE BOOK" DOES NOT
CONFER STATUS OR PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. SHOULD
THE PLO BE ABLE TO CONVINCE THE SECRETARIAT THAT THEY,
LIKE THE ARAB LEAGUE AND THE OAU, SHOULD BE LISTED IN THE
BOOK, THIS WOULD NOT GIVE THEN ANY LEGAL STATUS OR RIGHTS OR
PRIVILEGES TO WHICH THEY WOULD NOT OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED.
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